

CITY OF PULLMAN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015

The City of Pullman Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise, Pullman, Washington with Chair Ned Warnick presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anderson, Gruen, Hornback, Munch-Rotolo, Root,
Warnick
Excused:
Staff: Radtke, Beckmann

WARNICK Called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and called roll.

MOTION Munch-Rotolo moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2015, Regular Meeting as prepared by staff. Seconded by Anderson and passed unanimously.

<p>REGULAR BUSINESS</p> <p>Consider and take action on the nomination of the Kappa Delta Sorority House, located at 520 NE Howard Street, to the Pullman Register of Historic Places.</p>	<p>Radtke stated that the application is for the Kappa Delta Sorority House located at 520 NE Howard Street on College Hill. Based on the information provided by the applicant, staff feels that this proposal meets the criteria for listing on the Pullman Register of Historic Places and would recommend approval for this nomination.</p>
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<p>ROBERT FRANKLIN 340 SW Church Street Pullman, Wa 99163</p>	<p>Franklin explained that he chose to name the structure being nominated the Kappa Delta Sorority House over the Roberts House, because its use as a chapter house was its first major historic designation and Franklin's research highlighted that information.</p>
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Franklin suggested that placing the address before the name on the application would help dispel confusion if the current Kappa Delta Sorority house changes it use. In addition, placing the build date more prominently on the nomination form could be another distinguishing factor.

The major highlight of this property is its demonstration of the craftsman style. The features, including the original windows and screens and the overall condition, show that the house has been well maintained. In addition, aspects like the front porch and the original front door hardware are important to this structure's historic value. However, Franklin was uncertain as to the age of the roofing.

The second important aspect of this property is its historical attributes, including its use as the Kappa Delta Sorority chapter house, but also because it was a long-term home to James T. Roberts, a local dairyman. Roberts was influential in the WSU Agriculture program and was connected to the Easter Sunday Massacre in 1949.

DISCUSSION

Anderson stated that this nomination is not for the same property that is currently used for the Kappa Delta Sorority. Therefore, he asked for a way to distinguish the nominated property and its historic name from the property currently occupied by the Kappa Delta Sorority. Hornback suggested inserting "Former" before "Kappa Delta Sorority."

Commissioners discussed local register qualifications as to whether the nominations should be looked at in relation to other properties or if each nomination should stand on its own.

MOTION

Anderson moved that the Historic Preservation Commission, with regard to Resolution No. HPC-2015-1, render its decision that the proposed nomination of the Kappa Delta Sorority, located at 520 NE Howard Street, be approved, thereby listing this property on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Seconded by Hornback and passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consider and take action on the nomination of the Drucker House, located at 965 NE B Street, to the Pullman Register of Historic Places.

Radtke introduced the application for the Drucker House, located at 965 NE B Street on College Hill. The house was built in 1927 and staff recommends approval of the attached resolution for listing this property on the Pullman Register of Historic Places.

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Franklin expressed the admiration for the beautiful architectural features and maintenance of this property. He stated that there is little structural difference between what was shown in the historic pictures compared to the current pictures. Overall, the importance of this property lies both in its architectural features as well as the significant figures that lived in this house. This structure is one of the three houses built by Stanley Smith, and was later lived in by William Carl Kreugel and his wife, as well as Arthur and Minnie Drucker, who left significant contributions to the City of Pullman and Washington State University. However, the architectural integrity is the most important factor of this nomination.

DISSCUSSION

Anderson mentioned that a principal person involved in the establishment of the American Association of University Women Organization and the beginnings of the Neill Public Library was Mrs.

W.C. Kreugel. She and her husband, William Carl Kreugel, who is mentioned in the nomination application, resided in this house.

MOTION

Anderson moved that the Historic Preservation Commission, with regard to Resolution No. HPC-2015-2, render its decision that the proposed nomination of the Drucker House, located at 965 NE B Street, be approved, thereby listing this property on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Seconded by Root and passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consider and take action on the nomination of the Phelps House, located at 970 NE Monroe Street, to the Pullman Register of Historic Places.

Radtke presented the nomination for the Phelps House, located at 970 NE Monroe Street on College Hill, and built in 1919. Staff feels that this property meets the criteria for listing on the Pullman Register of Historic Places; therefore, approval of the attached resolution is recommended.

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Stated that this property is significant due to its craftsman-style details, including its floor plan, windows, cladding, and the fact that the landscape is intact. The connection to WSU is not as distinguishing as in other nominations because it had been a rental after Mr. Phelps owned the property. However, Phelps had major contributions to the earlier era of WSU. This house is not as decorative as other craftsmen homes in the area, but it does carry distinctive elements of that style.

In response to questioning, Franklin indicated that it is uncertain if the bay window on the front of the house is original, but if it was added after the house was built, it was done seamlessly and does not detract from the facade of the house. In addition, the front porch is the original porch of the house. Exterior storm windows are placed over the original window frames, except for the bay window and one bathroom window that has been replaced.

DISCUSSION

Warnick noted that the aerial map depicts that the arrow is not pointing to the property on Monroe Street. A correct map should be submitted. After looking at the back elevation of the structure, Warnick stated that this nomination should be approved, or not, based on its current state. However, he wanted to make a note that future changes to the structure, if placed on the Local Register, should be done to restore integrity to the historic features of the property.

MOTION

Anderson moved that the Historic Preservation Commission, with regard to Resolution No. HPC-2015-3, render its decision that the proposed nomination of the Phelps House, located at 970 NE Monroe Street, be approved, thereby listing this property on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Seconded by Root and passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consider a Project for the Next CLG Grant Period

Radtke acknowledged that the commission received notification that the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is getting ready to accept the 2015-2016 CLG grant nominations. Staff requested that the HPC consider for which potential projects, if any, they would consider it beneficial to receive grant funding. He highlighted the changes in the prioritization of projects by the DAHP.

Due to the time frame, the commission was advised that the proposed projects would be ready for discussion and decision at the March meeting in order to complete the application by the April deadline.

DISCUSSION

Warnick suggested developing the Pullman Walking Tour brochure into a mobile application because of the momentum behind the project. However, he questioned the capability and resources needed to create such an application and whether those needs are within the Commission's means. In addition, he still supported and sees the need to continue with the project of developing the comprehensive inventory for the City of Pullman.

Hornback recommended using Web Palouse, whose has experience with developing mobile applications, but would also like to look for other developers. In addition, Hornback asked if staff could prepare an application for the CLG grant for the mobile application project as well as a separate application for the inventory project that is in progress; thus, having both applications ready for the March meeting.

Munch-Rotolo proposed that the Commission also think about developing a City of Pullman Historic Preservation website, one by which the mobile application can be accessed, along with other resources to promote the historic preservation awareness in Pullman.

Warnick asked if Radtke would construct a nomination application for both projects: first, the continuation of the inventory project; and second, as the initial phase of developing the Historic Preservation Commission's web presence, through the creation of a mobile application of the Pullman historic walking tour.

Root expressed the concern that if the Commission did continue with the project from last year's grant application, it would need to be changed to make the application more progressive and successful.

Radtke stated that he could draft two proposals for the March Commission meeting. He would also would revise the 2014-2015 application to change elements that hindered its success last year, therefore making the application stronger for the 2015-2016 grant

period.

MOTION

Munch-Rotolo moved that the commission direct staff to prepare a 2015-2016 CLG grant application on the commission's behalf for the March meeting, with the theme of developing a mobile application for the walking tour and future web-based resources, as funding would permit within the scope of the grant application. Seconded by Anderson and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anderson suggested that the commission review the goals that they have established on a regular bases.

Warnick asked Radtke to include in Regular Business, every odd month, a review of the 2015 goals.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 9, 2015- no conflicts

April 13, 2015- no conflict

May 11, 2015- Root will be unable to attend.

MOTION

Hornback moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Root and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

ATTEST:

Chair

Planning Director

Secretary